



GROVE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Achieving and celebrating success for all.....

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Stars of the Week!



Blue Class	Scarlett Butcher/ Violet Calver
Green Class	Wren North/ Madeleine Barnes
Yellow Class	Elizabeth Weller/ Sam Hines
1ST	Maisie Mouncher
1AS	Kayden Green
1JF	Hollie Thacker
2G/B	Ronnie Winn
2CA	Amy Harlow
2EL	Shemiah Muyangana
3DS	Harry Dangerfield
3F/C	Neve Heathcote
3KO	Harry Rixon
4TA	Darcey Clarke
4CF	Harry England
4LS	Jack Hounsell
5CS	Ryley Kohler
5HR	Dylan Smith
5HT	Grace Warner
6JC	Lacie-May Burrows
6DP	Jacob Palombella
6MB	Kayleigh Stafford

Diary Dates Dinner Menu B

Monday 26th February —Year 2 Astrodome Day.

Tuesday 27th February—9.15am Reception Maths and Phonics Workshop no younger siblings please).

Tuesday 27th February—am—selected children KS1 Racquets Festival.

Wednesday 28th February—selected children in Year 6 Tag Rugby tournament at Benfleet RC.

Thursday 1st March—World Book Day—come to school dressed as your favourite character from a book.

Friday 2nd March —2.15pm Reception Maths and Phonics Workshop no younger siblings please).



World Book Day is on Thursday 1st March

To celebrate, all children are invited to dress up as a character from a book and will be taking part in lots of activities.

Play Leader of the Week—Adam Fawell

Play Buddy of the Week—Holly Barney

Attendance Stars for last week are

KS1...2G/B with 98.3%

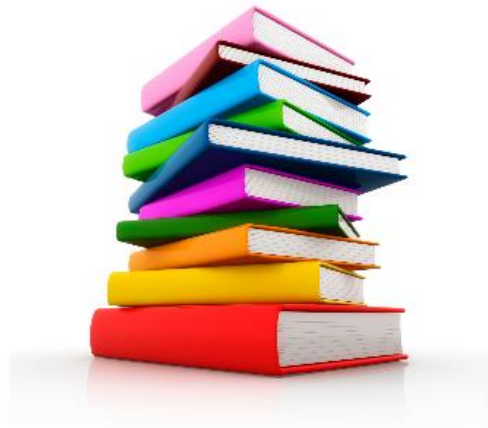
...and KS2... 4LS ,4CF, 5CS and 6JK all with 99.2%

WELL DONE!

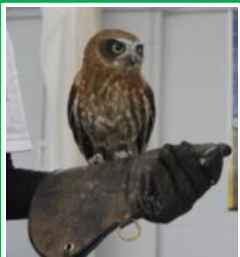
KEEP UP THE GOOD ATTENDANCE!

WORLD BOOK DAY

BOOK COVER COMPETITION



ALL CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO DESIGN A NEW BOOK COVER FOR EITHER YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK OR AN IMAGINARY BOOK - REMEMBER TO INCLUDE THE TITLE AND AUTHOR AND ALSO GIVE A SENSE OF WHAT THE BOOK IS ABOUT. ALL ENTRIES NEED TO BE A4 BUT CAN BE IN ANY MEDIUM.
HAVE FUN READING AND DESIGNING!
PLEASE SUBMIT ALL ENTRIES TO MR PASCOE BY MONDAY 26TH FEBRUARY



Year's 1 and 4 were lucky enough to have a Bird of Prey encounter on Monday. The children were in awe as 6 different birds including owls and kestrels flew over their heads. This was a great introduction to Year 1's Spring Themes of All Creatures Great and Small and Year 4's Harry Potter.



Cross Country...

A massive effort was made by all our 68 participants across KS2 at the local area cross-country league event earlier this month. A hugely positive response was shown to this event by most year groups, with year 3 showing great dedication to the competition, entering the most runners by far! Huge congratulations for some excellent achievements by Lester Ward (1st), Jessica Jolley (2nd), Connor Legrice (2nd) and many more top finishes. Also, a big well done for those children competing for the first time! We are now looking ahead to our district cross-country competition in March for a selected group of runners.



Thinking of trying a new sport?... See our club links

For Netball please visit
www.eastwoodnetballclub.co.uk/

And for Basildon RC visit
www.pitchero.com/clubs/basildon

Another Award for Grove Wood



Grove Wood have been Highly Commended in Team of the Year Category for PE/Sports Team at the Essex Teaching Awards which were held on 8th February at the Marconi Centre in Chelmsford.



Parent Questionnaire 2017/18

Your views are extremely important to us and we always welcome feedback. We would therefore appreciate it if you would take the time to complete the brief online questionnaire which has been emailed out today so that we may gather your views.

You can access the link from the school's website.

<https://goo.gl/forms/hxb6PKQpJHOFgTGR2>

Welcome to Mapac!

We are delighted to be working with your school who have entrusted us with providing your children's school uniform.

1. HOW TO ORDER

- Visit www.mapac.com/education/parents or search online for "Mapac find your school".
- Once on your dedicated school page, simply add everything you need to your basket, register (if you haven't already) and then check out. (See the 3 steps below)



2. ORDERING GUIDE

Our aim is that all orders are sent out within 10 working days. During the busy summer period, it can take a little longer. Please allow us some extra time to get your order to you.

Delivery Option	Delivery Charge
Delivery to your home year round	Free - over £50 £3.95 - under £50

Summer Break **** To receive your order before the start of term ****

Order Deadline	Delivery Option	Delivery Charge
Before 3 rd August 2018	Delivery to your home	Free - over £50 £3.95 - under £50

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to call or email us. We are happy to help!



Parentalk is about
helping mums and dads
do the best job they can

Covers essential topics for parents

Parentalk

THE PRIMARY YEARS

Thursdays 9.30-11.30am

22nd February;


1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th March

Parish Centre

No cost

cara.parker@parishofrayleigh.org.uk



 **parishofrayleigh** www.careforthefamily.org.uk

TEN PIECes

GET CREATIVE WITH
CLASSICAL MUSIC



Every child a musician

Orchestral Day!

Are you learning an orchestral instrument?

Would you like to play in an orchestra?

Come and work with top professionals from the
BBC Symphony Orchestra

Thursday 12th April 2018

9:30am - 4:30pm

St. Mary's Prittlewell C of E Primary School,
Boston Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, SS2 6JH

To book visit
www.musiconseasouthend.co.uk



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IN THE COOL INITIATIVES EDUCATION CHALLENGE

Cool Initiatives is looking for innovative and creative education technology ideas that are still in the early stages of development. There's a **£10,000** cash prize for the best idea and £5,000 for the runner-up, plus £500 for all other finalists.

We're excited by projects that help our schools operate more efficiently or that drive new ways of teaching and learning.

In our ever-changing world, education matters more than it ever has; we want to unearth new tools and platforms that make the education process slicker and more engaging, allowing teachers to do what they do best – teach!

To apply for a chance to win the Cool Initiatives Education Challenge, please visit:
coolinitiatives.com/competition



Premier
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KICKS PROGRAMME

FREE SESSIONS!

TUESDAY

4-6PM WATERSIDE LEISURE CENTRE
(12-19 YR OLDS)

5:30-7:30PM ST THOMAS MORE
(8-11 YR OLDS)

WEDNESDAY

5:30-7PM KING EDMUND SCHOOL
(12-19 YR OLDS)

THURSDAY

4-6PM WATERSIDE LEISURE CENTRE
(12-19 YR OLDS)

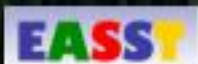
FRIDAY

5:30-7:30PM PLAYFOOTBALL.NET
(12-19 YR OLDS)

5-7PM CLEMENTS HALL
(12-19 YR OLDS)



For more information call
01702 341351 or email
info@southendunited-cet.co.uk





The Deanes Sports Centre
Daws Heath Road • Thundersley
Essex • SS7 2TD

General Manager- Samuel Wood
Tel: 01268741162
Email: dscmanager@outlook.com

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Deanes Lawn Tennis Centre – Free Open Day

I would like to invite your son/daughter to attend a “free” open day tennis session at Deanes LTC delivered by our fully qualified coaches.

There are two sessions available details of which are below.

Session 1	Sunday 25 th March	10.00am-10.45am
Session 2	Sunday 25 th March	11.00-11.45am

To reserve a session please email thedeaneslts@outlook.com and provide the following details.

1. Session 1 or Session 2
2. Name of child
3. Date of birth
4. Medical Conditions
5. Emergency contact number
6. Name of school

There are limited spaces on these sessions and therefore if you are interested in your son/daughter taking part, please contact me **before 23rd March.**

Your son/daughter will not need any equipment as we will provide this on the day. However, they will need to wear appropriate clothing/footwear for tennis.

Once you have requested your session I will email confirmation. If the session you have requested is fully booked, I will offer you an alternate.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

Will Roberts
Deanes LTC Tennis Co-ordinator



This week your child has been provided with login details to access MyMaths; a maths website used in the classroom and to support home learning. Also, there are many maths games your child can access freely to develop their understanding of timetables and maths topics.

As MyMaths is a fully online resource you will need nothing but an Internet connection and an up-to-date web browser with inbuilt Flash, or a recent version of Flash installed on your computer. MyMaths will continue to work in older internet browsers but in order to get the best possible learning experience, you will need to upgrade to a more recent version. MyMaths will support the following browsers over the next academic year:

- **Windows**
- IE 11 or above
- Firefox 13.0 or above
- Chrome 21.0 or above
- **Mac:**
- Safari 5.0 or above
- Firefox 13.0 or above
- Chrome 21.0 or above

MyMaths can currently be used on iPad and other tablet devices through the free Puffin Academy app on **iTunes** and **Android**.




Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service



**School Nurse
Drop-in service**

No appointment necessary

Are you worried or have concerns about your child's health?

Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service

We offer support and advice on the following topics and any other health or developmental issues which may be concerning you.

- Continence problems
- Hearing tests
- Weight and dietary issues
- Sleep
- Behaviour
- General health concerns

No appointment necessary

As this is a drop-in clinic we may limit the time to 15 minutes per child at busy times. For more in-depth problems please contact the service directly to speak to a member of the school nurse team.

0300 247 0013

Little Lions Children's Centre
Northwick Park Academy
Third Ave, Canvey Island, SS8 9SU
Phone: 01268 683671
3 - 4pm

30th January
6th February
13th & 27th March

Oak Tree Children's Centre
Grovetown Primary School
Grove Road, Rayleigh, SS6 8UA.
Phone: 01268 775910
3 - 4pm

16th & 30th January
20th February
6th & 20th March

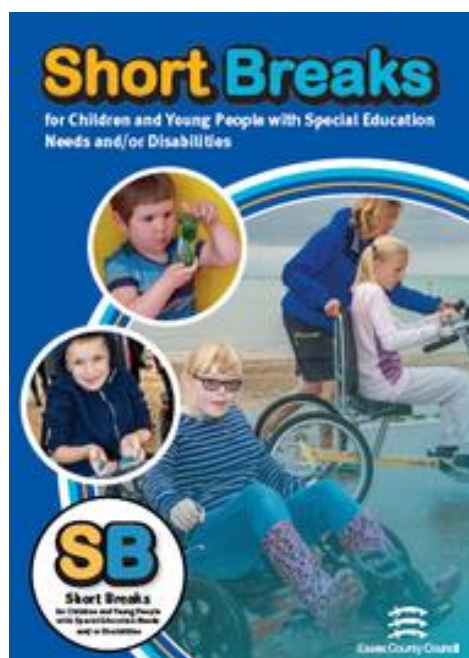
Wishing Well Children's Centre
Waterman Primary School
The Boulevard, Rochford, SS4 1QF.
Phone: 01702 541460
3 - 4pm

17th January
7th February
14th March

Little Hand Prints
Thundersley Primary School
Dark Lane, Thundersley, SS7 3PT
Phone: 01268 753557
3 - 4pm

25th January
22nd February
22nd March

Service to families of eligible children with SEND (or similar)



Essex County Council

Early Years and Childcare



The Essex Short Breaks programme enables children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) and their families to join in with safe, entertaining and interesting activities, while allowing family members/carers the opportunity to have a break from their normal caring routine. They also give children and young people the chance to do fun and different activities to help build their confidence and independence. They are open to all children and young people with SEND who:

- Are aged between 0-18 or 19-25 and in receipt of a personal budget
- Have a diagnosis of special educational needs and/or a disability
- Live within the borders of Essex County Council (excluding Southend and Thurrock as they have their own local offer of short breaks)

Visit the Essex Short Breaks website for more information about the range of activities available and to download the new brochure: shortbreaks.essex.gov.uk/. Hard copies of the brochure are also available upon request via email to shortbreaks@essex.gov.uk quoting your name and address. To access Short Breaks services you would need to be registered, this can be completed online via [Register for Short Breaks](#)



Keep up to date with early years and childcare specific information by visiting our dedicated practitioner website. Visit www.essex.gov.uk/earlyyearsandchildcare

